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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY PETITION - STEEL

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1. IN A DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 23, OURY, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF BELGIAN ASSOCIATION OF BLAST FURNACES AND
STEEL MILLS, TOLD US THAT HIS ORGANIZATION EXPECTS THE
STEEL COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATION, IF THERE IS ONE,
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THROUGH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION. THE UNDERSTANDS THAT U.S. STEEL'S COMPLAINT APPEARS TO REST ONLY ON THE ISSUE OF REMISSION OF VALUE-ADDED TAX ON STEEL EXPORTS, WHICH IS AN EC-WIDE POLICY ADMINISTERED SIMILARLY IN THE SEVEN COUNTRIES CITED IN THE PETITION. OURY MAINTAINS, THEREFORE, THAT THERE IS LITTLE POINT IN EACH COUNTRY'S INDUSTRY PREPARING SEPARATE RESPONSES TO TREASURY INQUIRIES. WHAT IS BEING CHALLENGED IS COMMUNITY POLICY, AND IT IS REASONABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL SEVEN AFFECTED COUNTRIES. OURY STATED THESE VIEWS TENTATIVELY, PENDING MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT AND DETAILS ON HOW TREASURY PROPOSES TO PROCEED.

2. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OF TREASURY PROCEDURES DESCRIBED REFTEL A. RENNER

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